

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the Claims as shown below:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A system comprising:

an entryway;

a docking station;

a portable computer system that outputs a signal containing a password after slid into said docking station, wherein said docking station receives and outputs said signal;

a reader device receives said signal from said docking station, said reader device outputs a release signal if said password is authorized; and

a locking mechanism that unlocks said entryway upon receipt of said release signal.

13. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a personal digital assistant (PDA).

14. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a pager.

15. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a portable telephone.

16. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a laptop computer system.

17. (currently amended) The system of Claim 12 wherein said password is unique ~~or common~~.

18. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said docking station comprises a mechanical and electrical interface for interfacing with a communication interface of said portable computer system.

19. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises software that tracks the time and date said portable computer system enters said entryway.

20. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said docking station enables communication between said portable computer system and said reader device.

Claims 21-30 (canceled)

31. (new) The system of Claim 12 wherein said password is common.

32. (new) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a calculator.

33. (new) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises software that tracks the time and date said portable computer system exits said entryway.

34. (new) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises software that creates a personal log documenting said portable computer system's ingress and egress of said entryway.

35. (new) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a memory device that stores said password.

36. (new) The system of Claim 35 wherein said password is programmed and stored within said memory device by interfacing with controls of said portable computer system.

37. (new) The system of Claim 35 wherein said password is programmed and stored within said memory device via a communication interface of said portable computer system.

38. (new) The system of Claim 12 wherein said docking station comprises a button that initiates communication between said portable computer system and said reader device.